



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Inventor: **Earl J. Votolato**  
Serial No: **09/804,451**  
Filed: **March 12, 2001**  
For: **Utility Knife Tool**

Examiner: **Thomas J. Druan**  
Art Unit: **3724**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MS RCE**  
**Assistant Commissioner for Patents**  
**PO Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action dated January 21, 2004, and accompanies a RCE (Request for Continuing Application).

A listing of the claims after amendment begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.

Please update your database to reflect our new attorney docket number of 019502.0014US1.

**RECEIVED**  
**APR 23 2004**  
**TECHNOLOGY CENTER A9700**